

Streetcar City

The streetcar is just part of Portland's unique history. One might have seen a streetcar being pulled through downtown by horse around 1880. At the turn of 1900, electric streetcars ran all over Portland, not just downtown. There were tracks and overhead lines everywhere.

Light-rail dominates a lot of transportation conversations these days. However, it is important to remember that the streetcar helped to develop Portland. It took moms and dads to work, fewer individuals were on the road, and the streetcar kept Portland beautiful. We all know Portland's transportation receives a lot of praise, but with the streetcar as the older brother or sister setting a good example, is it any wonder?

The Streetcar Challenge

1. Build a streetcar using materials found at home (you can use the wheels from a Lego set, but can't build your streetcar out of Legos.)
2. You may use markers, paint, glue, and even computer created names and numbers.
3. Be creative, but also think about stability.

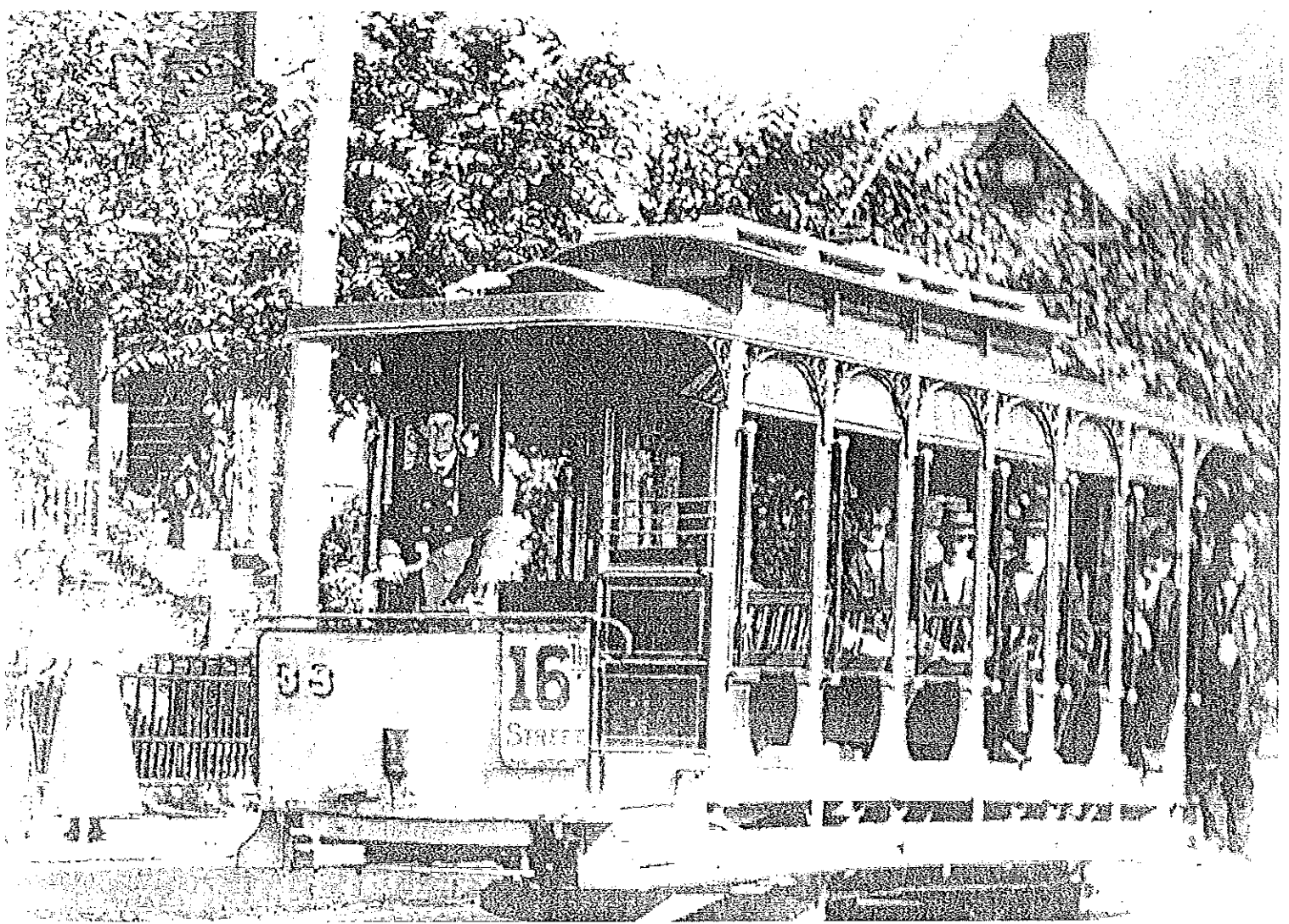
I am looking for three different things...

1. Is the streetcar authentic looking? (labeling and design)
2. How creative is the streetcar?
3. How strong is the streetcar and how straight will it roll down a ramp?

This project is an extension of our Portland history curriculum, and in no way should be looked at as a competition. This activity is designed to build learning partnerships between children and their families, and to foster an awareness and appreciation of our historic city. I sincerely hope you have fun working on this project.

*** Please do not add weight to your streetcar or turn your streetcar into a gigantic ball of hardened hot glue.

Due: Tuesday, Jan. 31st





CONCERT
MRS. J. W. BROWN
SAT. EVENG. 8:30
FIRST REC. BANG
LITTLE

NO STOPS
WEST OF
ROSEDALE

